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ANNUAL MEETING KICKS OFF 51st OPERA SEASON

Saratoga Springs, NY (February 1, 2012) – Opera Saratoga held its annual board meeting earlier this week.

The company announced a small operating surplus from its 2011 fiscal year.

Later, new board directors and officials were elected.

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors of Opera Saratoga for three-year terms ending at the 2015 annual meeting: Ronald M. Bentley, Susan Rosko Fogarty, Dr. Denise F. Polit, Frank Pusateri, and Thomas Selfridge.

The following members of the Board of Directors were re-elected to three-year terms ending at the 2015 annual meeting: Christopher A. Cernik, Robert DeSio, George R. Hearst III, Sam Palazzole, and Nancy Smith.

The following slate of officers was accepted for one-year terms ending at the 2013 annual meeting: Robert C. Miller, Chairman; Rosemarie V. Rosen, President; Robert DeSio, Vice President; Dr. Norbert Woods, Treasurer; and Christine L. McDonald, Secretary.

Theodore F. Newlin III was thanked for his extraordinary service to the Opera during his past seven years as Board President.

The Friends of Opera Saratoga presented a \$5,000 check to Opera Saratoga's General Director, Curtis Tucker at the conclusion of their portion of the meeting.

The meeting ended with musical selections performed by baritone Mark Womack, accompanied by Michael Clement on piano. Womack will perform with Opera Saratoga this July as The Watchman in William Schuman's "The Mighty Casey." Interjecting the musical performance was a fully-costumed dramatic reading of Ernest Thayer's poem "Casey at the Bat," delivered by Curtis Tucker.

Early bird subscriptions and group sales are now available for Opera Saratoga's 51st summer season, which will feature Verdi's "Rigoletto," Schuman's "The Mighty Casey," and a double bill of operetta: Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial By Jury" and Offenbach's "Le 66." Call or go online now to get the best seats at a discounted rate. Single tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March. For additional information or to place a subscription or group order, call Opera Saratoga at 518-584-6018 or visit <http://operasaratoga.org>.

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